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Lightning Strike Ignites Roof Of Apartment, Displaces 36

by Amanda Leigh Brozana

A direct lightning strike ignited a rapid-burning fire in the roof of an apartment building at 207 Lakeside Drive on Tuesday, June 23 just before 7:30 p.m. The fire spread to the attached building at 209 Lakeside Drive causing 36 residents across 22 units of the University Square Apartments in buildings 207 and 209 to be displaced.

University Square Apartment resident Nikki Scites said she and her family were watching the storm from their balcony when they saw the lightning strike.

"My family and I were sitting outside in our balcony watching the storm. We love watching them. We saw a stroke of lightning go over our building and we heard a big boom. My dad immediately said 'Oh that hit something. Everybody go get the candles,'" Scites said.

A lightning bolt sparked a rapid-burning fire Tuesday, June 23, at 207 Lakeside Drive that spread to the adjacent 209 Lakeside Drive. This photo was taken moments before firefighters brought the roof down into the living room of Lauren White and Sumit Nanda.

By the time she and her family got to the hill next to the building, it was ablaze. Scites said firefighters were on the scene and had rescued a dog.

The lightning bolt made direct contact with the roof just above the apartment of Sumit Nanda,

The couple was preparing to move from their one-bedroom apartment to a three-bedroom unit in the complex and had packed most of their belongings in trash bags and set them in the living room.

"I would say we lost 99 percent of our belongings," said White, who noted that the couple has not been allowed to return to see what remains.

White said her family is greatly appreciative of the support they've received from the community.

"There was a ton of support that we were really grateful for. There were a lot of people in the apartment complex that we never met before that brought us food and things. One woman brought a huge tub of baby items and clothes," White said. "We've been really touched by the support."

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PHOTO BY LAUREN WHITE

City, GHI meet on Pepco Tree Plan, Roosevelt Center Upkeep

by Kathleen Gallagher

The Greenbelt City Council met with the Board of Directors of Greenbelt Homes, Inc. (GHI) for their annual stakeholder worksession on June 15 at the GHI offices. Agenda topics for this meeting are typically a combination of perennials and annuals, with about half the 12 items prepared by GHI for discussion this year carrying over from prior meetings. Discussion time primarily focused on two topics: Roosevelt Center as it relates to the city's pursuit of an economic development strategy and various concerns with the city's three utility companies, particularly Pepco's recently announced plan for this year's tree trimming and removal.

First on the list was the Sage Policy Group Economic Strategy report, which was submitted to the city last year. The question posed to council was what impact the recommendations might have on GHI.

Mayor Emmett Jordan described the Sage study as the city's "first-time investment" in

the formation of an economic development strategy for the city. He enumerated Sage's recommendations and said while he thought the consultants had targeted the right areas for work, the city had not yet identified the next steps to be taken.

Roosevelt Center

GHI Board President Steven Skolnik said that although it is not GHI's only interest in terms of economic development, Roosevelt Center inevitably looms large because of its location. He asked what the city is considering as ways to fill vacant spaces with "long-term, viable, interesting businesses." He said the likelihood of doing so would seem to be constricted by the state of landlord-tenant relations there, in

The city scheduled a Wednesday, July 22 worksession with Pepco in the Community Center to discuss its tree trimming and removal plan. The meeting is tentatively set for 8 p.m.

particular what appears to be an unwillingness on the part of the owner to maintain or invest in the property.

Jordan cited the renovation and reopening of the Old Greenbelt Theatre as a significant step in enhancing the Center and attracting people to come in. He acknowledged that what the city can do in the area of landlord-tenant relations is somewhat limited.

Councilmember Rodney Roberts turned the question back to GHI by asking what kinds of businesses the board would like to see in the Center and whether any of them had considered opening a business there. He said if they had ideas to suggest, council might be able to promote them with the owner.

GHI Treasurer Chuck Hess, who as it happens has his own business, replied to Roberts that if he were looking for office space, he did not think it would be in a place where he had heard tenants were unable to get the

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Celebrate Our Country's Birthday With Fireworks

A festive Independence Day celebration will be presented by the City of Greenbelt on Saturday, July 4 at Buddy Attick Lake Park. There will be festivities for family and friends of all ages, including a drum circle and a band concert, topped off by a fireworks display.

Fireworks will begin at dark (about 9 p.m.) and last 20 to 30 minutes. The best viewing spots at the lake will be claimed first. Those who come early can bring a blanket and picnic and enjoy a leisurely holiday afternoon socializing and enjoying free entertainment and activities for all ages, from romping in the playground to strolling around the park's lovely 1.3-mile wooded trail.

Rhythm and Music

A drum circle will draw a lively crowd at the bandstand from 5:30 to 6:45 p.m. Percussionists of all ages may perform on their own instruments (or borrow one as long as supplies last), joining together and interweaving individual rhythms in this community drum circle.

Leading up to the fireworks, the Greenbelt Concert Band will perform a rousing selection of patriotic music at the bandstand from 7:30 to 8:30 p.m.

Police Presence

The Greenbelt Police Department asks for everyone's cooperation in making this a safe event. Police Department employees will host a tent in the grassy area by the main parking lot to provide first aid and to help with

lost or missing children. The department provides guidelines to ensure safety during the holiday celebration.

No Alcohol

Do not bring alcoholic beverages to the park. Alcohol is strictly prohibited in all city-owned parks. Violators will be subject to arrest. For safety and security reasons, people carrying

Bad Weather?

Call Greenbelt Recreation Department Weather and Information Hotline for fireworks schedule adjustments.

301-474-0646

coolers and packages into the park may have them inspected.

No Private Fireworks

For everyone's safety, do not bring any fireworks, including sparklers. Fireworks are deadly, dangerous and illegal. All forms, including firecrackers, snakes, sparklers and bottle rockets, are prohibited by law in Greenbelt and throughout Prince George's County. Anyone found in possession of fireworks will be subject to arrest. Penalties include fines up to \$1,000 and/or six months in jail.

Pets, Boats, Recycling

All pets must be on a leash, although it is strongly recommended that pets be left at home. In the past, dogs, frightened by

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What Goes On

Saturday, July 4
Celebration, Lake Park

Tuesday, July 7
7 p.m., Arts Advisory Board Meeting, Community Center
7 p.m., Public Safety Advisory Committee Meeting, Community Center
Wednesday, July 8
7:30 p.m., Advisory Planning Board Meeting, Community Center
8 p.m., Council Worksession on National Park Service, Community Center

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Letters to the Editor**Appreciates****Response**

In response to Caitlin McGrath's letter published on June 25 which was in response to a letter I wrote that was published on June 18.

Thank you!

To the crew at the Old Greenbelt Theatre, I salute you and your dedication to making the theater work. After my letter I almost immediately started to notice some of the changes that Caitlin McGrath pointed out in her response. The theater's outside lights seem to be staying on later the marquis now includes what is playing and what is coming next, and I noticed more posters and movie signs and the felt board with show times. All of these things really do create a more inviting environment. I will add that as I was thinking about my response to these noticeable changes, I visited the theater website and could easily see show times, what is coming next and even a trailer for the next film. I just wanted to say thank you and let you know that I think it makes a difference that you care enough to take on this big task and that you are responsive to voices in the community.

Tom LeaMond

Finding a Balance

There was one thing I meant to explain more fully last week: our showtimes at the Old Greenbelt Theatre. We are trying to standardize all our showtimes, but we are also working very hard to be a resource and a venue for community functions and events. Sometimes putting those together is a balancing act, so if you see showtimes vary a little from the ordinary (like this Friday and Sunday night), it's likely because we're fulfilling our mission to be more than just a multiplex. Thanks again for all your support, and looking forward to seeing you all at the theater!

*Caitlin McGrath,
Executive director,
Old Greenbelt Theatre*

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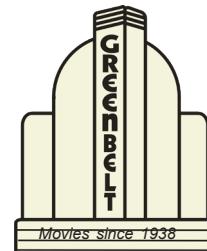
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All letters must be signed and the letter writer's name, address and telephone number should be typed or clearly printed.

All letters are subject to editing for reasons of space, libel, taste and clarity. Letters are considered accepted when published.



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129 Centerway
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www.greenbelttheatre.org

Adults \$9
Senior/Student \$8, Kids \$6
OC = Open CaptionsAll shows before 5 PM:
Adults \$7, Kids \$5

SHOWTIMES
July 3 - July 9**ME AND EARL AND THE DYING GIRL (PG-13) (105m.)**

Fri. 4:00 PM, 6:30 PM
Sat. 12:45 PM, 3:00 PM, 5:30 PM, 8:00 PM
Sun. 1:30 PM (OC), 4:00 PM
Mon. -Thurs. 5:30 PM, 8:00 PM

THE GREAT MUPPET CAPER 1981 (G) (95m.)
Sat. 11 AM**JAWS 1975 (PG) (124m.)**
Sun. 11 AM

Utopia Film Festival Presents
Sunday, July 5th & Wednesday, July 8th
Beginning at 8 PM

"Shorts: Land That We Love", "The Doggie Drill Team", and "The Unnatural"

On Greenbelt Access Television, Inc. (GATE)
Comcast 77 & Verizon Fios 19 Channels

This week's Swifty . . .
"Since you're new at the jail here you need to know that the prisoners have to use the stairs, not the elevator during fire drills," he lectured
ingrily

Answer to 6/11 Swifty "Thanks for cleaning the chimney Bert. Can you get to the fireplace?" Mary Poppins added GRATEFULLY.

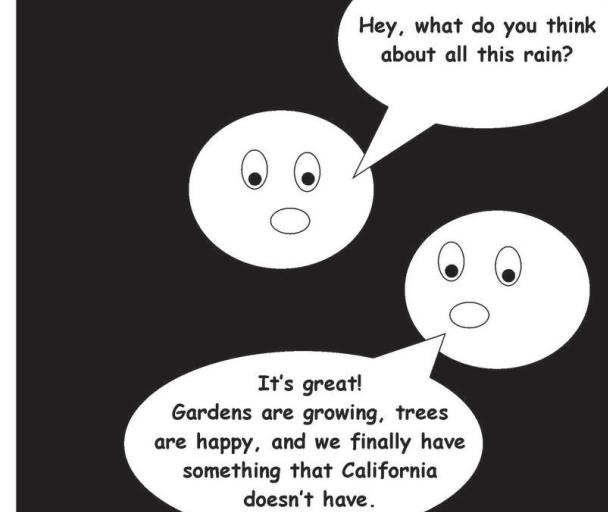
City Notes

Animal Control adopted one dog and three cats, picked up a stray cat and returned two dogs found running at large to their owners.

Noise Control mailed 18 warning notices.

Planning Staff researched the status of a dredging feasibility study for Greenbelt Lake.

Public Works collected 38.38 tons of refuse and 15.40 tons of recyclable material.

"My Two Cents" with Sense and Nonsense

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On Screen**A High School Senior Tangle**

Me and Earl and the Dying Girl opened at the Old Greenbelt Theatre on Wednesday, July 1. Two long-time Pittsburgh pals are floating through their senior high school year while making patchwork parodies of Hollywood films. Then Greg (Thomas Mann), with Earl (RJ Cyler) alongside, is pulled up short by leukemia-stricken Rachel (Olivia Cooke). Greg's parents and a teacher get into the act in a film that was the biggest buy by a studio at the Sundance Film Festival in January. First-time novelist Jesse Andrews wrote the screenplay.

Rated PG-13, for sexual content, drug material and language.
Running time: 105 minutes.

-- Eli Flam

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Community Events

At the Library

Every Hero Has a Story is the 2015 Summer Reading Program theme for children at the Greenbelt library. Children who read at least 20 minutes a day during the summer months perform better in school in the fall.

Sign up for Summer@Your Library through August 15 and get a game board. The first 3,500 students to register will receive a free T-shirt. Sign up at any Prince George's County library. Complete activities to earn a prize and enter to win the grand prize drawing for electronics, event tickets and more. Go to pgcmls.info to find out more.

Writing Contest

The Prince George's County Municipal Library System is participating in the Library of Congress National Book Festival's A Book That Shaped Me summer writing contest, which encourages 5th and 6th graders to reflect on a book that had a personal impact on their lives. Top winners will be honored at the National Book Festival on September 5 at the Walter E. Washington Convention Center in Washington, D.C.

Participants should choose one book – fiction or nonfiction – and write a one-page essay about its impact on their life. Entries must be submitted in person to library branches by Friday, July 10. Additional information is available at the Greenbelt library.

Storytimes

Wednesdays, 10:15 and 11:15 a.m., Infants and Toddlers Program, Preschool Storytime, ages 3 to 5.

Thursdays, 10:15 a.m., Baby Storytime, ages 1 to 2; 11:15 a.m., Baby Laptime Storytime, ages birth to 12 months; 4:15 p.m., Toddler Storytime, ages 2 to 3.

Stop by the information desk to pick up free tickets available on a first-come, first-served basis on the day of the event. Attendance is limited to 20 people.

Computer Club Meets Thursday

The Greenbelt Computer Club will hold its monthly meeting on Thursday, July 9, at the Community Center, Room 112 from 7 to 8:30 p.m. Everyone is welcome to attend the club's discussions of computers and consumer electronics.

Register For GED Mini Course Now

Greenbelt CARES will hold registration for its four-week summer mini GED courses. There are two locations for registration and classes. Registration for classes at the Springhill Lake Recreation Center will be held at the center July 2 at 10 a.m. and registration for classes at the Municipal Building will be held at the building on July 6 at 10 a.m.

Monday classes are held in the Municipal Building from 10 a.m. to noon, July 6 through July 27. Tuesday and Thursday classes are held at the Springhill Lake Recreation Center from Thursday, July 2 to Thursday, July 30. Tuesday and Thursday morning classes are from 10 a.m. to noon, and there is a Tuesday afternoon class from 1 to 3 p.m. There is no class on Thursday afternoon. Students will review the four subject areas and computer skills required to take the GED exam.

Questions and enrollment information regarding either GED I or GED II should be directed to Judy Hering, course instructor, at Greenbelt CARES at 301-345-6660 ext. 2016 or email jhering@ci.greenbeltdmd.gov.

Produce Delivery For Homebound

The Greenbelt Assistance in Living (GAIL) Program in partnership with Greenbelt Intergenerational Volunteer Exchange Service (GIVES) plans to provide free produce delivery for homebound, physically disabled Greenbelt residents. From June through September on the fourth Thursday of the month, GAIL provides free produce to Greenbelt residents who are program participants. Through this exciting new partnership, GAIL will be able to serve homebound residents who cannot attend the actual distribution.

Those who would like to receive a monthly produce distribution on Thursdays, July 23, August 27 and September 24, should contact Greenbelt CARES at 301-345-6660. All deliveries will be made between the hours of 1 to 3 p.m. Individuals who live within incorporated Greenbelt and who are homebound or using a wheelchair or walker are eligible for delivery. The deadline to sign up is Thursday, July 9.

Upcoming Events At The New Deal

Thursday, July 2, Mid-Day Melodies with Amy C Kraft from noon to 2 p.m. SAW Open Mic hosted by Paige Powell from 7 to 10 p.m.

Friday, July 3, John Guernsey plays American standards on the piano from 7 to 8 p.m. followed by The Mojo Priests, an R&B rock blues band, from 8:30 to 11:30 p.m.

Saturday, July 4, the TV John Variety show from 11 a.m. to 12 p.m. The Café will be closing for the holiday at 5 p.m.

Sunday, July 5, the Deaf Brunch will be held from 10:30 a.m. till noon. In the evening, The Nighthawks will offer up blues, R&B, doo-wop and rockabilly from 5 to 8 p.m.

Tuesday, July 7, The New Old Jamboree, hosted by Ruthie and the Wranglers, from 7 to 9 p.m. Old songs, new songs and featuring special guests.

Wednesday, July 8, singer-songwriter Tristan Omand plays original country-infused folk music from 7 to 9 p.m.

Thursday, July 9, Mid-Day Melodies with Amy C Kraft from noon to 2 p.m. Open Mic hosted by James and Martha from 7 to 10 p.m.

Friday, July 10, Guernsey plays American standards from 7 to 8 p.m. The GoodFellas, a Beatles tribute band, perform from 8:30 to 11:30 p.m. Reservations are recommended.

Saturday, July 11, a book signing with author Kim Kash featuring her new mystery novel Ocean City Cover-Up from 3 to 4 p.m. Bruce Kritt plays classical guitar from 4 to 6 p.m. Guernsey plays American jazz standards from 7 to 8 p.m. New to the Café, Rufus Roundtree and the B'more Brass Factory perform New Orleans brass band music infused with funk, R&B, neo-soul and hip-hop from 8:30 to 11:30 p.m.

More Community Events are located throughout the paper.

Golden Age Club

by Bunny Fitzgerald

The Golden Age Club always welcomes visitors. Come to the Community Center on Wednesdays and meet with us.

The speaker on July 8 will be David Moran, assistant city manager, on The Fiscal Year, and he will take questions. July 15 will be the pot luck luncheon.

Several members enjoyed the train ride in Walkersville and are looking forward to the Bay Sox game on July 22. Try to stay cool in all this hot weather.

Remember, friendship is like a bank account – you can't draw on it unless you make a deposit.



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* Not part of the morning and Tuesday discount shows

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Week of July 3

FRIDAY – TUESDAY

Terminator Genisys, in 3D, PG13 (!)
1:40, 9:50

Terminator Genisys, in 2D, PG13 (!)

11:00, 4:20, 6:30,
7:00, 9:10

Magic Mike XXL, R (!)
11:20, 2:00, 4:40,
7:20, 10:10

Max, PG (!)

11:30, 1:55, 4:20,
7, 10:10

Ted 2, R (!)

11:10, 1:50, 4:30,
5:00, 7:10, 7:40, 9:40

Inside Out, PG

11:05, 11:45, 1:30,
2:10, 4:00, 4:45,

7:10, 9:35

Jurassic World, PG-13

10:50, 11:20, 1:40,
2:10, 4:30, 7:20, 9:25

Dope, R

10:10 p.m.

WEDNESDAY

Terminator Genisys, in 3D, PG13 (!)

1:40, 9:50

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Magic Mike XXL, R (!)
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7:20, 10

Max, PG (!)

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Ted 2, R (!)

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Inside Out, PG

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2:10, 4:00, 4:45,

7:10, 9:35

Jurassic World, in PG13 (!!)

11:20, 1:40, 2:10,
4:30, 7:20, 9:25

Dope, R

10:10

THURSDAY

Minions, in 3D, PG (!)

6:00

Minions, in 2D, PG (!)

6:45, 8:25, 9:10

Terminator Genisys, in 3D,
PG-13 (!!): 1:40

Terminator Genisys, in 2D,
PG-13 (!!): 11:40

11, 4:20, 7, 9:50

Magic Mike XXL, R (!!)

11:20, 2, 4:40, 7:20, 10

Max, PG

11:30, 1:55, 4:20, 7, 10:10

Ted 2, R

11:10, 1:50, 4:30, 5, 7:10, 9:40

Inside Out, PG

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7:10, 9:35

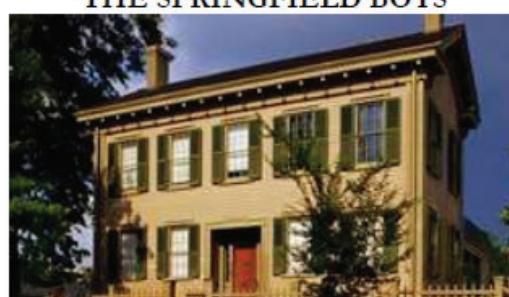
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Greenbelt Arts Center Coming July 10th

THE SPRINGFIELD BOYS



by Anthony E. Gallo

directed by Trix Whitehall

A Guest production from Seventh Street Playhouse

July 10 - 19

Friday and Saturday at 8:00

Sunday at 2:00

Ticket prices: \$20 General Admission, \$16 Students/Seniors/Military, \$12 Youth (12 and under with adult)

COMING SOON

The Complete Works of William Shakespeare (abridged) [revised] - Jul 24 - Aug 8 - Guest Production from Off the Quill

King John - Aug 21 - Sept 5 - Guest Production from the Rude Mechanicals

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email: info@greenbeltartscenter.org or

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Members Only - Mark Your Calendars!

Basic Canon Camera Class-\$
Tues., & Wed., July 7&8 at 7:30PM

Camera Science Class -\$
Thurs., July 9th at 7:30 PM with Aaron Solomon

RED Camera Class -- \$\$\$
Sat. & Sun., July 11 & 12, from 10AM-4PM
Registration closing on July 9

For more information, visit the GATE website or e-mail greenbeltaccess@gmail.com

See what's showing on Comcast 77 and Verizon FIOS 19 by visiting www.greenbeltaccessstv.org and click on "Channel"

Obits

Margaret Wersick

Longtime Greenbelter Margaret Manton Wersick, age 83, died Friday, June 12, 2015 at her residence following a long illness.

She was born in Keyport, N.J., on September 13, 1931, to the late Margaret Warshany and Harry Manton, Sr.

A former bookkeeper and accountant, she was an active member of the Greenbelt American Legion and an avid fan of the New York Yankees.

Mrs. Wersick is survived by her husband James C. Wersick of Greenbelt, daughter Candice E. (Brian) Paulus of Severn, Md., son Conrad E. (Mary) Yunker of Salem, Ore., and her brother Harry Manton, Jr., of Cincinnati, Ohio.

At her request, Mrs. Wersick was cremated and a private memorial luncheon was held at the Greenbelt American Legion on Saturday, June 20, 2015.

Morton Tuckman

Morton Tuckman died on June 29, 2015. The funeral service will be held on Thursday, July 2, 2015, 11:30 a.m. at Mishkan Torah Synagogue. Burial will follow at the Crownsville Military Cemetery near Annapolis at 1:30 p.m. Family and friends will then return to Mishkan Torah around 3:30 p.m. to receive comforters and the traditional meal of consolation.

Obituaries

The News Review publishes obituaries of Greenbelt residents, past or present.

You write it or we will if you prefer. A photograph and service information should be included. There is no charge.

Refuge Offers Kids Program on Beavers

On Friday, July 10 from 10 a.m. to noon the Patuxent Research Refuge offers a nature program for children ages 8 to 10. Beavers: Nature's Engineers will explore why beavers are one of the only animals other than humans that can transform the environment to meet their needs. Learn how beavers live, and try to build a beaver dam. Wear old clothes, as participants will get muddy. The program is conducted outside, so dress for the weather.

Public programs at the Refuge are free, although advance registration is required by calling 301-497-5887. For more information visit the website at fws.gov/refuge/Patuxent. The Visitor Center is on Powder Mill Road between the Baltimore-Washington Parkway and Route 197.



**Catholic
Community
of Greenbelt
MASS**

Sundays 10 A.M.
Municipal Building

ALL ARE WELCOME.

County Won't Recycle Plastic Bags and Film As of July 1

The County Director of the Environment, Adam Ortiz, is attempting to spread the word to all Prince Georges County municipal recyclers:

The municipalities and the community members are doing a tremendous job to preserve valuable resources by recycling. Prince George's County has achieved a recycling rate of 59.53 percent and a waste diversion rate of 64.53 percent.

Currently, plastic bags and plastic wrap are being accepted at the County's Material Recycling Facility (MRF). However, starting July 1, 2015, the County will no longer accept plastic bags or plastic film in its Residential Curbside Recycling Single-Stream Program. Residents who receive County recycling pick-up services were notified of this change via a post card mailing and other sources of notification last month.

In an effort to maximize recycling, the County began accepting disposable plastic grocery store and retail shopping bags and plastic film within its Residential Curbside Single-Stream Recycling Program. Initially, some of the bags were captured and sold to recycling vendors to make lumber-like material and

benches. However, vendors will no longer purchase the bags from the County's recycling program because the bags become contaminated when mixed with the other recyclables.

In addition, the equipment at the Materials Recycling Facility (MRF) is not designed to remove plastic bags. Consequently, sorting the bags has become a manual process and many bags still get through to the automated sorting system causing serious mechanical problems. The plastic bags and plastic wrap become entangled in the equipment causing jams and system wide shut downs and thousands of dollars in repairs.

Rather than continue the practice of accepting plastic bags and

plastic wrap in the Residential Curbside Single-Stream Recycling Program, the County will develop an educational outreach campaign to notify the public of recycling and reuse alternatives. One alternative is to take plastic bags to local grocery stores or retailers with a plastic bag recycling program. Many plastic bags are printed with source reduction tips and messages encouraging reuse or recycling with the originating retailer. Most grocery stores have recycling collection boxes located in their main entrances. Thus, the bags can remain clean and be recycled once they are taken back to the stores.

We also encourage residents to use reusable bags when shopping to avoid the use of plastic altogether. Reusable bags are sturdier than plastic bags and can be used for a longer period of time. Additionally, most reusable bags can be machine washed to eliminate dirt and contaminants.

Our goal is to reinforce this message to as many County citizens and residents as possible; therefore, your assistance in disseminating the information is key. Attached is a frequently asked questions document that addresses some of the concerns



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Condolences to the News Review's circulation manager Ian Tuckman and his mother Diane Tuckman on the death of his father and her husband, Morton, who died on June 29, 2015.

Our sympathies to the husband and family of Margaret Wersick who died on June 12, 2015.

To send information for Our Neighbors, email us at editor@greenbeltnewsreview.com or leave a message at 301-474-6892.

Kathleen McFarland

your residents may have regarding the new policy, as well as other marketing materials promoting the change. If you require any other electronic information, please contact Linda Lowe via email at lmlowe@co.pg.md.us for assistance.

Thanks in advance for your continued cooperation and commitment to protecting and preserving the environment through recycling.

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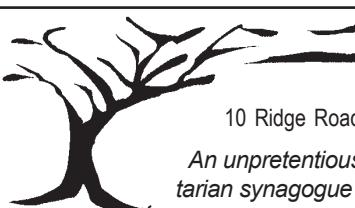
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Students Get Wrapped Up In the Hijab Experience

by Alejandra Melnyk

On Wednesday April 22 close to 30 Eleanor Roosevelt High School students and one teacher participated in the Hijab Experience, an event that, according to the permission slip students were required to fill out to participate, was "to allow an understanding of [the hijab's] purpose and clear the misconception around Islam and the headscarf," rather than "to encourage the wearing of the hijab." The event was hosted by the Muslim Student Association (MSA).

Those who participated decided to experience what it would be like to wear a hijab for the school day, traveling through their classes with their hair covered.

"Everybody kept asking me why I was wearing it," said freshman Daanye Scott. Participants arrived at 8 a.m. that Wednesday to have their hijabs put on by members of MSA, who had provided scarves for those who did not have their own. Hijab directly translates to "cover" in Arabic and is not meant only to cover your head but also your arms and body to your ankles. During the Hijab Experience, however, most students participated only by covering their heads. Some hijabs were draped lightly around the head but others were more tightly wrapped.

"I felt more pure," said Nicole Fana Brito, after wearing the hijab for the day.

Following the Hijab Experience was an afterschool meeting held by the MSA, where participants could openly discuss their feelings and experiences from the day.

Guest speaker Imam Ahmad Azzaari attended, a Muslim Scholar from the Muslim Association Mosque in Lanham. Mr. Elzaree spoke of common Muslim misconceptions and the reason behind the hijab.

Misconceptions about foreign cultures can be common, and the Hijab Experience was designed to try to help more people understand and view Islam in a different light.

The MSA handed out a sheet of "Common Misconceptions about Islam and the Hijab," including that "Islam oppressed women," that "Muslims don't believe in Jesus and don't respect him," that "women wear the hijab 24/7 and even shower with it on" and that "Muslim women are bald." The sheet contained extensive debunks of these myths and others, including quoting the Quran, the holy text of Islam.

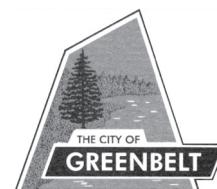
"I feel like more people are now aware of Islam," said freshman Teresa Ozga.

Alejandra Melnyk is a student at ERHS and a writer for the Raider Review. This article originally appeared in the May 13 issue of the high school paper.

Members of the Muslim Student Association adjust the headscarves of participants in the Hijab Experience



Photos by Alejandra Melnyk



City Information

MEETINGS FOR JULY 6-9

Tuesday, July 7 at 7pm, ARTS ADVISORY BOARD at Greenbelt Community Center, 15 Crescent Road.

Tuesday, July 7 at 7pm, PUBLIC SAFETY ADVISORY COMMITTEE at Greenbelt Community Center, 15 Crescent Road.

Wednesday, July 8 at 7:30pm, GREENBELT ADVISORY PLANNING BOARD at Greenbelt Community Center, 15 Crescent Road, Rm 114. On the Agenda: Continuation of discussion with presenter Garth Beall on Greenbelt Station Mixed Use Development, Meeting Schedule – Upcoming Review of Cherrywood Lane "Green Redesign" on July 22, 2015, Update on Various Planning Projects

Wednesday, July 8 at 8pm, COUNCIL WORK SESSION w/ National Parks Service at Greenbelt Community Center, 15 Crescent Road.

The schedule is subject to change. For confirmation that a meeting is being held call 301-474-8000.

YOUTH CENTER AND SPRINGHILL LAKE RECREATION CENTER HOLIDAY SCHEDULE

Friday, July 3rd	12:00 noon to 10:00 p.m.
Saturday, July 4th	12:00 noon to 6:00 p.m.
Sunday, July 5th	1:00 p.m. to 10:00 p.m.

Tutoring Camp (Summer Enrichment Program)

Wednesdays, July 1, 8, 15, 22, & 29
9:00 AM - 12:00 PM

Springhill Lake Recreation Center Clubhouse

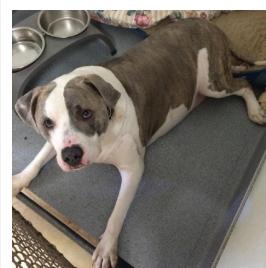
Greenbelt CARES will offer a summer tutoring experience for students completing grades 1-5. The children are split into groups (1st and 2nd are together, 3rd and 4th graders are together and the 5th graders work by themselves). Children will receive lessons in English grammar and writing skills, Reading/literature, and Math.

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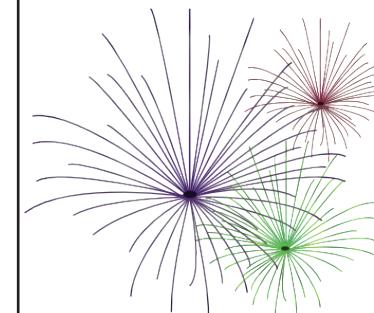


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July Fourth Fanfare!

Celebrate Independence Day with friends and neighbors at Buddy Attack Park, 555 Crescent Rd.



- Bring a picnic
- Walk the lake trail
- Enjoy the playground
- Community Drum Circle, 5:30pm-6:45pm
- Greenbelt Concert Band, 7:30pm-8:30pm
- FIREWORKS approx. 9:00pm

In case of inclement weather, call the Weather and Information Hotline for information about schedule adjustments: 301-474-0646.

VACANCIES ON BOARDS & COMMITTEES

Volunteer to serve on City Council Advisory Groups. There are currently vacancies on: Arts Advisory Board, Park and Recreation Advisory Board, and Youth Advisory Committee

For information call 301-474-8000.

PROPERTY TAX CREDIT AVAILABLE FOR THE INSTALLATION OF ACCESSIBILITY ENHANCEMENTS

Prince George's County Council pass bill 7-2015 which provided homeowners with a tax credit equal to 50% of eligible costs, or \$2,500 for an eligible accessibility feature installed on an existing principal residence. Any credit exceeding the annual tax liability of the property may be carried over until the next tax year.

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- An installed ramp
- 32"-wide interior doorway
- 36" wide exterior doorway, reinforced walls surrounding a toilet, tub or shower
- maneuvering space of at least 38" x 48" in a bathroom or kitchen
- elevator, lift or stair glide unit
- accessibility-enhanced bathroom
- alarms
- appliances and controls designed to assist an individual with a sensory disability

Forms will be available from the Maryland Department of Assessment and Taxation at www.dat.state.md.us or by calling 888-246-5941 by the end of July.

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White said a friend had established a GoFundMe campaign for the family, located at gofundme.com/xrtg2c, which had raised more than \$2,100 as of June 30.

Another GoFundMe campaign for Gerri Culpepper, who also lost nearly all of her belongings in the fire, has raised more than \$3,700. According to the web page, Culpepper recently became unemployed after losing her job of 17 years and is staying with a niece.

City inspector Anthony Crump said as of Tuesday, June 30, individuals living in 19 of the 22 units found housing with family or friends, while residents from three other units received assistance for lodging from the American Red Cross.

66 Firefighters

The blaze, which went to two alarms, involved the efforts of 66 firefighters from six primary responding departments: Greenbelt, Berwyn Heights, College Park, Hyattsville, West Lanham Hills and Branchville.

Fire equipment was on the scene within minutes of the first call said Mark Brady, chief spokesperson for Prince George's County Fire and EMS Department, and all residents home at the time had self-evacuated so no rescue operation was necessary.

"We were extremely pleased with the response time; having units arrive within minutes helped to limit the spread of this fire," Brady said.

Brady said the lightning strike was very powerful and the resulting fire was a high-heat, fast-moving blaze that engulfed the roof of the buildings.

"It was a horrific sight," Scites said. "It seemed like it lasted all night but honestly Greenbelt Fire Department came and got the situation under control quick. They put the fire out fast and just did an amazing job. Although my heart hurt for all the families, I was so proud and honored to witness true heroes at work. Greenbelt did fantastic."

One major concern when dealing with a fire started by a lightning strike, Brady said, is the potential for fire to travel to other parts of the building through conduits that are sometimes far from the initial point of impact.

Fire Contained

In this case, Brady said the fire was contained to the roof and top floor apartments, though other units in the buildings sustained damage from efforts to put out the blaze.

Brady said fires caused by lightning strikes are unusual.

"We don't see it very often," Brady said. "Maybe a dozen or so in the last several years."

However, Brady said strikes that occur to apartment buildings with ordinary construction and with a great deal of wood framing, are susceptible to catching fire.

Since the blaze, a few residents have been able to return to their units to retrieve possessions but the front door remains gated. Crump said by late this week all but three of the units in 209 Lakeside Drive should be habitable and families should be able to return home.

University Square Apartments is owned by Lerner Corporation; no representative was made available for comment for this story.



PHOTO BY LAUREN WHITE

Family belongings were strewn outside the burned building.



PHOTO BY LAUREN WHITE

The roof of the building was totally destroyed.



PHOTO BY LAUREN WHITE

99 percent of Sumit Nanda's belongings were destroyed by the fire.

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the fireworks, have panicked, bitten people and even run away.

For safety reasons registered boaters on the lake will need to remain behind the temporary buoys that will be in place. Boats not registered with the city will not be allowed on the lake.

Participants are asked to recycle using containers available in the park or by taking recyclables home with them.

Parking

Buddy Attack Park is on Crescent Road near Kenilworth Avenue. Participants are reminded to observe all posted parking regulations. The parking lot is reserved primarily for handicapped and elderly individuals. Vehicles must have handicapped or elderly persons on board. Handicapped tags and/or placards will not necessarily be required nor will they guarantee a parking space.

Temporary No Parking signs will be posted on streets surrounding the park. Vehicles parked in these areas will be towed. Those parking adjacent to Kenilworth Avenue should make sure their car is completely off the roadway or risk being required to move. The roadway must remain clear for passage of emergency vehicles and regular traffic.

Traffic Control

When the fireworks are over, exiting traffic will be redirected outbound on Crescent Road toward Kenilworth Avenue. Traffic from Kenilworth Avenue will not be allowed onto Crescent Road until most cars have left the area.

Motorists exiting the Beltway will not be allowed to proceed north on Kenilworth Avenue. Motorists heading for the Old Greenbelt area should take Greenbelt Road.

If the fireworks begin on time and no problems develop, these temporary changes in traffic patterns should last no longer than from about 9:45 to 10:30 p.m.

Calls for Information

Residents should not to call the police dispatcher to inquire "What time are the fireworks?" or to see whether the fireworks will be cancelled because of weather. Police telephone lines must be kept open for those with emergencies or for other police-related concerns.

Call the Greenbelt Recreation Department Weather and Information Hotline at 301-474-0646 for schedule adjustments in case of inclement weather or for additional information about this or any other recreational event sponsored by the City of Greenbelt.



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- Mindful Eating (7/11-12:30 or 7/18 - 10am)
- To Be or Not to Be Vegetarian, etc. (7/12 - 1:30pm)
- Food as Medicine (7/25 - 2:30pm)
- Optimal Digestion (7/18 - 12:30pm or 7/26 - 1:30pm)
- Special Topics (7/16 - 6:30pm or 7/19 - 1:30pm)

Registration contact: rjohnson@muhi.edu
Walk-ins Welcome

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landlord to fix leaks in the roof. He suggested that the first step had to be a more proactive approach in code enforcement in order to make the Center a place where desirable businesses would want to have their offices or businesses.

When Jordan replied that in fact code enforcement had been quite active, Hess said it was not evident to the community that anything was being done about the situation. Councilmember Edward Putens then spoke to say that the board would understand that there was a process involved that included executive sessions so that the city was not able to say too much about it.

Rethinking the Purpose

Taking a different tack, Jordan suggested that there might be need for serious reconsideration of the purpose of the Center. It is not in a location that would be successful for businesses requiring drive-by or street traffic. Moreover, he doubted that Greenbelt residents would even want a great deal of traffic coming into the Center. He said perhaps the Center is the cultural and recreational center of Old Greenbelt, not the retail center. Perhaps other types of professional services, not regular retail, would be a better match.

GHI Board Member Diana McFadden suggested that given the duration of the problems at the Center, the most desirable outcome would be a change of ownership. Questions were raised regarding potential city ownership of the property or use of eminent domain but City Manager Michael McLaughlin hastened to explain that cause or reason is required for use of eminent domain, which is not the situation at the moment. Nor is there financing for the city to pay for the property.

Reinforcing McLaughlin's statement, Putens added, "We're a government, not a commercial corporation trying to take things over." Noting that GHI is one of the largest landlords in the city, GHI Vice President Susan Ready said, "I'm glad to hear that, since all this talk of government takeovers is making me nervous."

Roberts said he was reluctant to push too hard for improvements that would result in higher rents, since the Center is an affordable place to start a business. "We have to tread lightly," he said.

Hess took issue with Roberts' premise. He said this owner is not charging low rent out of benevolence and that if the quality of the stores were higher, the rents would be higher. He said upgrading the buildings would upgrade the businesses that occupy them and that "if we don't want to do that, and if we don't want to bring outside traffic into the Center, it will never become much more than it is now." He said many more people need to view the Center as a destination, not just something that's conveniently in their back yard.

Skolnik took the challenge and made several suggestions of desirable businesses to locate in the former bank and Curves space: a store like the old Ben Franklin store that used to be in the Center; an independent coffee shop; or a bike shop. As it always does, mention of Ben Franklin's inspired some happy reminiscing. Jordan commented that he had talked with a couple of bike shops but that they are a type of store that wants street visibility.

Councilmember Judith Davis said another factor that needs to be kept in mind is that residents must make a point of supporting local businesses, and a better job needs to be done of making what is available known through all parts of the city.

Missed Utilities

Several different utility-related issues were discussed. Jordon said progress had been made in getting Comcast to maintain its exterior boxes and asked if Verizon was also now a problem in that regard. Skolnik said the issue is a different one. Neither Comcast nor Verizon ever remove old wire when new wire is installed. They leave the old wire just hanging and accumulating on the buildings.

McLaughlin responded that GHI needs to produce an inventory of the locations of the problems. He said it was such an inventory that had proved key in making progress earlier with Comcast on the damaged cable boxes.

Regarding the double poles—the places where Pepco replaced its poles but Comcast and Verizon have not yet moved their lines so the old poles can be removed—Skolnik said there had been little progress in GHI. McLaughlin said some progress had been made within the neighborhoods of single-family

houses north of Crescent over the last several months. He said the city will keep after them and noted that legislation had been introduced but not adopted in the General Assembly for the last two years that would put time limits on this work. Davis encouraged GHI to write in support of the legislation when it comes up again.

Tree Cutting

Noting that Pepco refers to its tree trimming and removal program as "vegetation management," Jordan said the city had brought them to the table about three years ago with the goal of achieving veto power for the city on specific actions of the plan. Now, he said, Pepco wants to continue to manage the program on its own. He added that some people think the cutting down and trimming of trees has improved service; others think service has improved only because of the upgrading of hardware and transformers.

McLaughlin said although Pepco had been reluctant to share its plan this year, the city received it last week. He said last time the focus was on feeder lines coming in but this year the trees marked are those along neighborhood streets. He expected that approach will raise much more reaction from residents.

GHI General Manager Eldon Ralph confirmed that GHI had received the plan, too, but only earlier that day. He said Pepco had designated 126 trees within GHI that it wants to remove and could start work 10 days following the letter. He expressed appreciation for McLaughlin's assurance that the city was requiring a permit and said he thought it was essential that the process remain the same as it had been before.

McLaughlin said the city has told Pepco it needs a city permit to work. Pepco says it doesn't. The city continues to say it does. He told Ralph, however, that the city's authority is only for locations within the public right of way. He believes GHI has the same right to say "yay or nay" that any private owner would have but that GHI has to have that conversation with Pepco.

Roberts said he hopes GHI will say "no" since he believes it was the old equipment and transformers that were the main problem, not the tree branches near the lines. He said he was also concerned that Pepco's agenda is

to cut down as many trees in the vicinity of their poles as possible over the years, rather than coming to trim trees on a regular basis, which was done in years past but is more expensive. He said Pepco's interests and the community's interests are not the same.

Playgrounds

The city had informed GHI that there are shredded rubber surfaces on two GHI playgrounds. Overall the city is moving toward using engineered wood fiber or poured-in-place (PIP) surfaces on its playgrounds, depending on the extent of sun exposure and other conditions of the location. The PIP surface is substantially more expensive up front. The wood fiber is cheaper to install but requires considerably more maintenance.

Skolnik said the less expensive wood fiber was appealing but GHI was concerned that the city would not adequately maintain it. Davis responded that funding was added to the upcoming budget for a position to enable a higher level of maintenance. GHI will get back to the city after considering this matter at a board meeting.

HOA Group

Skolnik spoke briefly about the board's interest in reaching out to other homeowner associations (HOAs) and residential complexes in the city to share information. City councilmembers strongly urged that they do so, saying the city could provide information and work with the group. Putens suggested that the board come to a meeting of the Greenbelt East Advisory Coalition (GEAC), which represents all the HOAs in Greenbelt East.

Charging Station

Skolnik announced that the first electric charging station in the city is now open. Although it was implemented for a GHI member for residential use, Skolnik said he wanted to thank the city for what was a cooperative effort. Skolnik asked what the city might do to promote more charging stations on commercial properties. Davis said, "We're looking at it. It's on our radar screen." She said putting one in a municipal parking lot was something she would like to explore. Jordan suggested hotels and Beltway Plaza as other possible locations.

Updates

At the time of the meeting, the city had approved 72 vouchers for the free spay-neuter pro-

gram supported by a state grant for an initiative put forth by Greenbelt, College Park, Berwyn Heights and New Carrollton. McLaughlin asked GHI to promote the program. GHI Board Member Patricia Novinski, as the board liaison to the Companion Animal Committee, offered to pass the word to the committee at their next meeting.

Rights of Ways

For many years, the city and GHI have been working to resolve right-of-way issues that originated back in the days when the government sold the housing. What Ralph called "five egregious abandonments" have been worked out this year and will come to the city council and GHI board for action soon. Ready said she would like to see GHI revisit an earlier draft (MOU) that was prepared by the city as a basis for handling the 135 remaining cases, which are much less significant.

Home Improvements

GHI representatives gave a brief overview of the status of the Homes Improvement Program (HIP) under which GHI homes will receive replacement or upgrading of various components and systems. The program will be implemented over the next five years.

GHI Health Report

Skolnik said GHI is doing very well both in terms of its resale trends and in terms of limiting rentals and vacancies. He added that they are also pleased with the rental buildings they own.

Following confirmation that GHI's negotiations with WSSC are still bogged down and a brief update from the mayor on development in the South Core of Greenbelt Station, the 2015 meeting was adjourned.

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On June 15, PM Pediatrics, one of the largest providers of pediatric urgent care first established in 2005, will launch its first Metro area location in the Greenway Center. PM Pediatrics, an alternative to the hospital emergency room provides urgent care for newborn through college-age patients.

The new practice, headed by newly-appointed Regional Medical Director, David Mathison, MD, marks the company's 17th location. Dr. Mathison is assistant professor of pediatrics and emergency medicine at George Washington University and a faculty member in the Emergency Department at Children's National Medical Center.

PM Pediatrics will be open 365 days a year, from noon to midnight and onsite will feature digital x-ray and a lab. Unlike traditional urgent care practices, PM Pediatrics treats children and young adults exclusively, for a broad array of illness and injuries, including asthma, fever, infections, dehydration, fractures, wounds requiring stitches and more.

"Dr. Mathison brings with him a wealth of experience in pediatric emergency medicine," said Dr. Jeffrey Schor, founder and Managing Member of PM. "He has been recognized for his management and leadership skills and most importantly, for his delivery

of top-notch clinical care. We are thrilled to have him at the helm of our company's expansion into Maryland, Virginia, D.C. and the surrounding regions," Dr. Schor said.

"As regional medical director, I look forward to introducing PM Pediatrics to the families of Prince George's County and helping to expand our brand of urgent care throughout the Mid-Atlantic region," said Dr. Mathison.

PM Pediatrics accepts most insurance and features short wait times and convenient hours, 365 days a year go to pmpediatrics.com.

ERHS Student Competes For National Title

This summer, Kennedy Williams, an entering freshman at Eleanor Roosevelt High School (ERHS), will compete for the title of USA National Jr. Teen, as well as thousands of dollars in college scholarship money. Williams, who is the reigning Miss Maryland Jr. Teen, will travel to Walt Disney World July 27 to August 1 for the USA National Miss Scholarship Pageant. Williams will compete in evening gown, interview and a runway fashion show event to attempt to claim the honor of being crowned the national winner.

Summer Concerts At Montpelier

On Friday, July 10 at 7:30 p.m. the free 37th summer concert series presents Four Star Combo, two hours of rockabilly and honky-tonk music, at Montpelier Mansion grounds at 9652 Muirkirk Road at Route 197. Bring a picnic, blanket and/or chair; parking also is free. For more information call 301-776-2805. Heavy prolonged rain (call 301-953-7882 after 5 p.m.) will result in cancellation of the concert.

Three other events will be featured on July 17, July 24 and August 7.



Doctors Hospital Wins Awards

In the 2015 Communicator Awards, Hermes Creative Awards, Apex Awards and Telly Awards competitions, Doctors Community Hospital received a total of 20 recognitions for its various educational brochures, campaigns, videos, newsletter and website.

"The hospital has been committed to developing programs and educational materials to help community members maintain or improve their health. With many of our newer brochures and communications tools, we've incorporated more educational information to help people make better informed healthcare decisions while supporting population health objectives. At the same time, our marketing director, Angela Wilson, led the hospital's shift to a unified branding approach that focused on elevat-

ing messaging, design and logo consistency," said Paul Grenaldo, chief operating officer, Doctors Community Hospital. "We are proud to know that these efforts have been well received by residents as well as designated as award-winning materials by industry professionals."

Wilson noted, "I work with an exceptional team of professionals who value the importance of providing our community with reliable and useful healthcare information. From internal medical professionals who collaborated to develop educational content to consultants like AOTA Creative Group in Temple Hills, Md., that produced compelling videos, these awards are the result of a team of knowledgeable, committed and talented individuals."

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Robbery

June 17, 9:50 p.m., 6000 block Springhill Drive. Two men approached a woman as she was walking down the street and attempted to take her purse. A struggle ensued but she was able to keep possession of the purse. The men fled on foot. The woman refused treatment for minor injuries.

June 18, 10:12 p.m., 9100 block Edmonston Court. A pizza delivery person reported that when he attempted to deliver a pizza to a residence the occupant said she did not order it. As he was leaving the building, a man approached him from behind and robbed him at knifepoint. After obtaining the pizza and the delivery man's cell phone, wallet and keys, the suspect fled.

Multiple Charges

June 23, 6100 block Breezewood Court. A 33-year-old non-resident was arrested and charged with vehicle theft, theft, unauthorized use, possession of false identification, DWI, DUI and other traffic-related offenses by officers responding to a report of a reckless driver. A computer check revealed the vehicle, a Dodge Dakota truck, had been reported stolen to Baltimore City police during an armed carjacking. The man was transported to the Department of Corrections for a hearing before a district court commissioner.

Assault

June 19, 6:35 p.m., Centerway. A police officer who responded to the Co-op Supermarket and Pharmacy because of possible prescription fraud was assaulted by the person involved, who then fled on foot. The officer was not injured.

June 23, 10:59 a.m., 6000 block Greenbelt Road. A 19-year-old Greenbelt woman was arrested and charged with assault and disorderly conduct after becoming disorderly inside Beltway Plaza and assaulting a police officer. She was transported to the Department of Correction for

The Department is offering a reward of up to \$1,000 for information leading to the arrest and conviction of a suspect in any of the unsolved crimes reported in the blotter.

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Reminder to Prepare For Storms, Hurricanes

This year's start of hurricane season came with a brutal reminder that flash floods, fallen trees and power outages can affect Marylanders even when a storm system isn't tropical. Natural disasters, however, do not need to turn into insurance disasters. Know policy coverage before property is damaged.

"One of the most important steps renters or homeowners can take is to inventory their homes," says Insurance Commissioner Al Redmer, Jr. "Use our inventory form or take photos or videos and then store these off-site." The National Association of Insurance Commissioners offers a

a hearing before a district court commissioner.

Trespass

June 24, 3:29 p.m., 5900 block Cherrywood Terrace. An 18-year-old Greenbelt resident was arrested and charged with trespass and possession of marijuana after officers responded to a report of suspicious person(s) possibly smoking marijuana. She was released on citations pending trial.

Burglary

June 20, 10 p.m., 7200 block Mandan Road. A man heard a noise coming from the basement of his home and then discovered a video game player and video games had been taken. Entry was gained by breaking out a basement window.

June 23, 2:04 a.m., 6100 block Greenbelt Road. An attempted burglary was reported at Target.

June 23, 4 p.m., 6900 block Hanover Parkway. A watch was taken from a residence on or around June 16. The reason for the delay in reporting the incident is unknown.

Vehicle Crime

Purses were taken from vehicles in the 6700 block Springshire Way, 7600 block Ora Glen Drive and 7600 block Greenbelt Road. The last occurred at the Greenbelt Exxon Station while gas was being pumped.

Three thefts from vehicles included tampering. In the 5900 block Cherrywood Terrace jewelry was taken and the passenger door frame and ignition tampered with. In the 6000 block Greenbelt Road a driver's license and money were taken and the in-dash radio tampered with. In the 6200 block Springhill Court the vehicle owner looked outside and saw someone tampering with his vehicle.

Vandalism was reported in the 7200 block South Ora Court, where a witness reported he observed a woman use a knife to slash a tire on a vehicle and she fled on foot.

Scenes from the Greenbelt Farmers Market



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Above: Friends meet: from left to right, Melissa Sites, Ian Rogers, Darelynn Fung and Elta Goldstein chat at the Greenbelt Farmers Market on June 28.

Below: Summer Serenade: the Eleanor Roosevelt High School Clarinet Choir performs at the Greenbelt Farmers Market on June 28. From left: Meinhart Valler, Perry Johnson, José Martinez and Emily Moy.



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Send us your photos!

The News Review would like to print more photos of Greenbelt landmarks, activities and the changing seasons. Photos should be at least 300 dpi, and must include the name of the photographer, and a caption. The caption must name any identifiable people in the photo, as well as explain the picture. The photos will be black and white in the print issue but may be color in the online version. Send us no more than five photos at a time.



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PRELIMINARY AGENDA

GHI BOARD OF DIRECTORS' MEETING

Thursday, July 9, 2015

GHI ADMINISTRATION BUILDING, 7:30 PM

GHI Key Agenda Items:

- Citibank Proposal to Offer Share Loans to GHI Members
- Bank of America Proposal to Resume Share Loans to GHI Members
- Yard Line Certification for 38A-M Ridge Road
- Communication Committee's Suggestions for Improving the Annual Membership Meeting
- ARC Recommendations Re: Siding/Insulation Configurations for Frame and Block Units During the Homes Improvement Program
- Contract for Fence Removals/Replacements Associated with Underground Utility Repairs, 2nd Reading

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Magnolia Elementary School Celebrates a Fantastic Year

by Shari Cornell and Ayanna McSears

The students and families at Magnolia Elementary School in Lanham celebrated a fabulous year with a Family Fun Day on June 6. Students were invited to bring their families to showcase great experiences that happened in the past school year, while enjoying festivities such as relay games, carnival games, and even a basketball tournament.

The school Robotics team had an interactive robot table, the

local library signed people up for library cards, and Themba Creative Learning Center had a Science Experiment Table. The chorus and third grade recorder group put on a great show for all to hear. The dance team showed off their dancing skills and had an interactive dancing party. A parent Zumba team got the crowd exercising, so they could later enjoy the great food without any guilt.

Creative Kids Dance of the City of Greenbelt shared camp information, New Dimensions Church gave away free uniforms and Ameri-Group shared information on healthy living and gave away jump ropes.

Over 400 people were in attendance. An abundance of parent volunteers and 90 percent of staff made this day a successful community filled celebration. It was an extraordinary time for all!



Teachers Enjoying the Day



Magnolia Dancers



Pop the Balloons Game



Waiting patiently for the Furious Fowl Game

Photos by Demetrice Bettis

Why was Abby Killed?

On January 26, 2015 Betty Edwards petitioned Council to investigate the circumstances that led to the killing of a dog named Abby while Abby was in the custody of the Greenbelt Animal Shelter.

As a long term volunteer and former Volunteer Coordinator at the Greenbelt Animal Shelter I had the pleasure of working with Abby. She was one of the first dogs to participate in the enrichment program which I started and operated on Sunday afternoons for over a year. I once estimated Abby was being confined to her kennel for at least 19 hours a day. Abby enjoyed our long walks together meeting people and other dogs.

Betty Edwards and I were working with Prince Georges County government officials to get information about Abby when Edwards finally received, after a three-month wait, a response on April 28, 2015 from Mr. Michael McLaughlin, Greenbelt City Manager. According to McLaughlin, based on information from Celia Craze, Director of Planning and Community Development and manager of the City's Animal Control operations, Abby was killed following five instances in which Abby allegedly attacked and bit someone without provocation. We still lack detailed information about any of these incidents that would justify killing Abby, and the limited information we have contradicts other information we have obtained.

According to Craze in a message to volunteers, Abby was killed on May 13, 2014 after Abby was involved in a fourth incident in a year. On June 23, 2014, Craze advised me that only one of the incidents was a bite. I believe that the bite incident she referred to is the one reported in a May 23, 2013 bite report, which states that Abby bit an animal control officer when the officer was breaking up a fight between Abby and another dog. We found no other bite reports for Abby, which is consistent with Craze's statement to me. So McLaughlin has claimed there were five bite incidents, but our investigation has uncovered just one bite incident under less severe circumstances. We have been provided no details about the other alleged incidents.

Why was Abby killed? And why is McLaughlin's information inconsistent with other information we have received?

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Greenbelt Elementary PTA, GAVA Form Partnership

The Greenbelt Elementary School Parent Teachers Association (PTA) has formed a new partnership with the Greenbelt Association for the Visual Arts (GAVA), a community arts education non-profit, by setting up the Family Fund for the Arts to bring local artists to the school for residencies and to fund other arts programs at the school. Residencies consist of performances and workshops that integrate the arts into the curriculum to enhance learning experiences. The Family Fund will seek grants to match contributions from the PTA and will solicit donations from local businesses and individuals.

The Family Fund's creation was inspired by the grandparent of a student at the school who gave the PTA \$1,000 for an arts residency, which the PTA matched with \$1,000 and then awarded to Beech Tree Puppets for a pilot residency program for the 2014/2015 school year. Beech Tree Puppets, a partnership of Greenbelt musicians and

artists Ole and Ingrid Hass, has provided every grade with a hands-on puppet workshop and a performance. The residency was supplemented by a \$1,000 grant from the Prince George's Arts and Humanities Council. In the coming school year, the Family Fund hopes to support a second year of residency for Beech Tree Puppets and explore bringing more artists to the school with new projects, including art projects to enhance the school's gardens.

All donations are welcome; these are tax-deductible. GAVA and the Greenbelt Elementary School PTA look forward to working together to enrich the learning experiences of our children through the arts, and they rely upon the community's support. For further information on the Family Fund for the Arts and how to support its mission, contact Barbara Simon, president of GAVA, at simongava@yahoo.com and 301-474-2192.

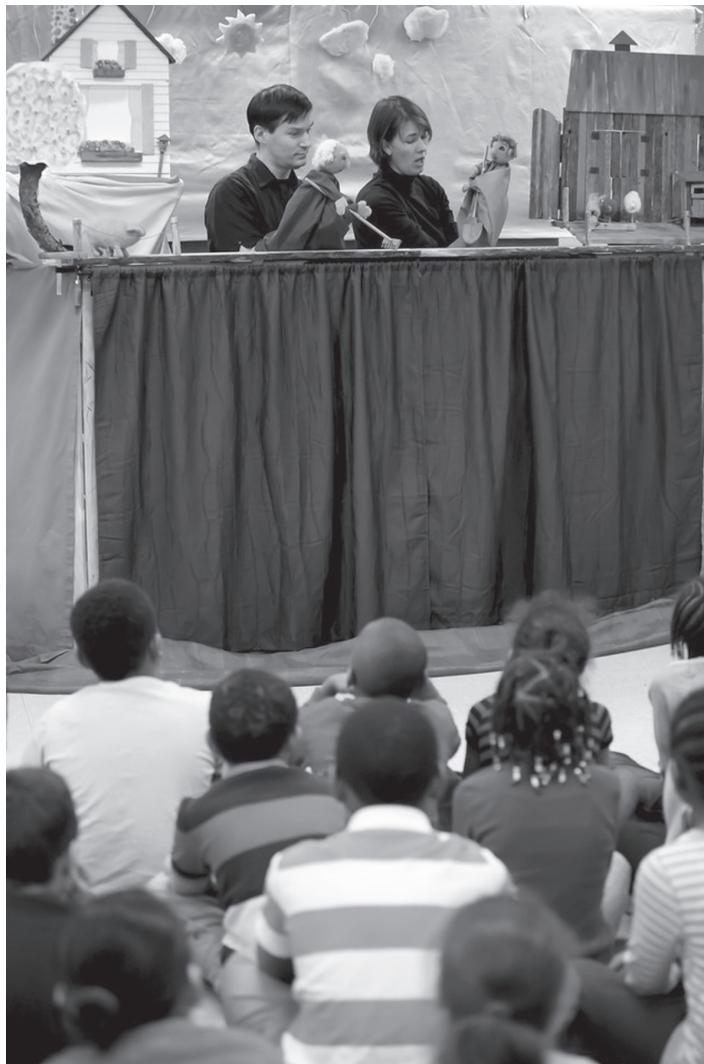


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Fall performance of The Giant Turnip.



PHOTO BY INGRID COWAN HASS

Third grade students from Ms Arcido's class enjoy a puppet workshop. The singing puppets were made from 2 toilet paper tubes, which created a moving mouth.



PHOTO BY FELIX HASS

Ole and Ingrid Hass of Beech Tree Puppets.

Jones Jazz Quartet At Lake Artemesia

The Susan Jones Jazz Quartet, familiar to attendees of the Green Man Festival, Labor Day Festival and New Deal Café concerts, will perform on Thursday, July 9 from 6:30 to 8:30 p.m. at Lake Artemesia. If it rains, the concert will be moved to the upstairs room of 8603 57th Avenue, the building next to the Berwyn Heights Town Office. The town of Berwyn Heights, with the help of the Maryland-National Capital Park and Planning Commission, is sponsoring this free public concert.

Susan and her drummer (and husband) Tom Jones, Berwyn Heights residents, have a long history performing in Greenbelt. The quartet also has played at Blues Alley, the Kennedy Center and for the Corcoran Jazz series.

Bring something to sit on, a picnic, bug spray. This is a free event. Refreshments will be for sale.

Home Run Derby for Fast-Pitch Softball

The We 'R' One women's fast-pitch softball league will be hosting its Home Run Derby on Wednesday, July 8 at 7:30 p.m. at Watkins Regional Park, C. Dukes Field No. 5.

The Home Run Derby will feature players from the We 'R' One women's fast-pitch softball league and will have a qualifying round, with the top two contestants moving on to the championship round. The champion wins a dinner for two and a trophy.

The We 'R' One league plays on Wednesday nights through the end of July and features top fast-pitch softball talent in the area. Games are played at Watkins Park and Fletcher's Field. Individuals interested in joining the league or in getting information on game times and locations should contact Prince George's County sports coordinator Steve Ellis (steve.ellis@pgparks.com, or 301-446-6822).

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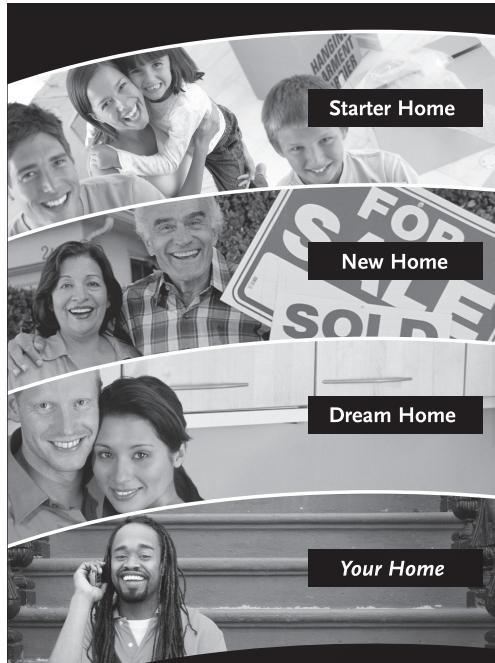
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Memorial Dedicated To Four Greenbelt Peace Activists

by Jim Link

The rain didn't dampen the spirits of 80 or so Greenbelters who gathered Saturday, June 27 in the Community Center to pay homage to four recently deceased legends of peace activism: Bob Auerbach, Bert Donn, Doug Love and Esther Webb.

Their memorial, four trees and three benches on the north side of the Community Center near the Youth Center, was dedicated indoors with music and singing, a peace pole, ribbon-cutting and humorous, touching stories of the quartet's intensity, determination and selflessness.

A colorful, heterogeneous crowd – "all the usual suspects," as Alexander Barnes commented – of bohemians, environmentalists, Goddard rocket scientists, city councilmembers, Green Party members, Sister Gardeners and pacifists mingled, noshed (vegetarian) and reminisced after the ceremony.

Four speakers praised each activist, after which the crowd sang a song led by Melissa Sites on guitar, whose lilting mezzo-soprano voice is clear as a bell. Despite their differences, all four believed in actually sitting down and talking with one's enemy, in cherishing the environment and in working for justice if you want peace.

Donn's Works

Donna Hoffmeister spoke of Bert Donn's tireless efforts to

integrate local housing and swimming pools, to improve relations between the police and African-American citizens, to teach conflict resolution skills and to lobby for non-proliferation of nuclear weapons. Donn formed the Peace and Justice Coalition, one of the sponsors of his own memorial dedication. "Bert never stopped working, even when his health failed," Hoffmeister said.

After a group song, Barbara Stevens praised Esther Webb, reading from notes written by Marj Donn. Webb was a shrewd planner – "she dripped strategy," Donn said. Webb attended all the rallies, including the 1963 March on Washington. Arrested many times for civil disobedience, Webb said when she retired, "Now I can get arrested anytime I want." She was cuffed for the last time at age 85.

Sites then led the group in singing "Let There Be Peace on Earth."

Hopi Auerbach praised her dad Bob, speaking spontaneously rather than using notes prepared by Marj Donn and Lucy Duff. Hopi's dad co-founded the Maryland Green Party, she said, and ran quixotically against Congressman Steny Hoyer several times. A New York City native, Auerbach was proud of learning to drive a car as an adult after leaving the Big Apple. He also took Hopi, age 8, with him to the Lincoln

Memorial in 1963, where they saw Dr. Martin Luther King deliver his I Have a Dream speech.

Sites and company then sang This Land Is Your Land, following which Ray Stevens praised Doug Love, who co-founded the Maryland Green Party with Bob Auerbach, wrote plays, engaged in creative clowning, co-founded the Greenbelt Astronomy Club, played the autoharp and helped the Forest Preserve. "Unleash the imagination" could be considered his mantra, Stevens said.

Sites and her choir then sang Morning Has Broken.

Numerous attendees then stood and shared vignettes, jokes, anecdotes and memories of the legendary quartet. Paul Downs recalled their inspiring example when he was a kid growing up in Greenbelt. "Those four were the Mt. Rushmore of my youth," he said. Lucy Duff emphasized that "they didn't just talk the talk, they walked the walk."

Perhaps some words of poet Stephen Spender are appropriate:

"I think continually of those who are great....

See how these names are feted...

The names of those who in their lives fought for life...

And left the vivid air signed with their honor."

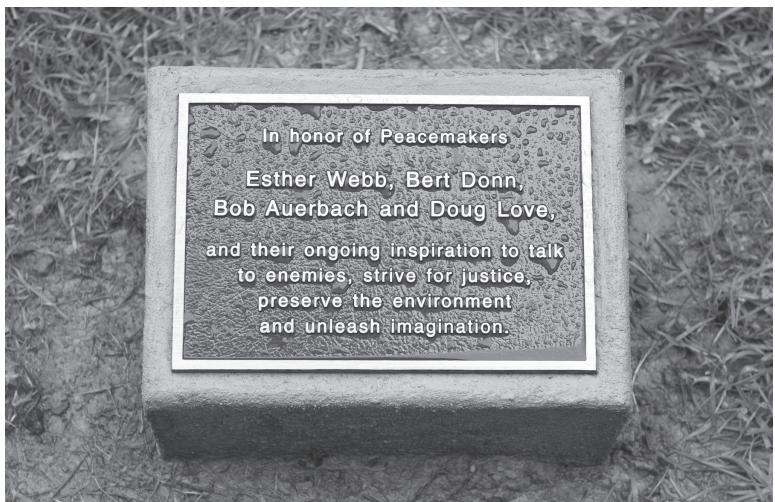
Photos by Eric Zhang



Mayor Emmett Jordan cuts a ribbon for the dedication ceremony



People gather at the just dedicated memorial benches and trees



A new memorial plaque for the Greenbelt quartet.



Hopi Auerbach (center) speaks about her father Bob Auerbach.

Participants Sought For Information Day

by Jennifer Robinson



Businesses and other organizations that want to share information about their activities can participate in Information Day on Saturday, September 5 during the Greenbelt Labor Day weekend.

Non-food giveaways and hands-on activities work well, and businesses can distribute coupons or brochures. Sales or other financial transactions are not allowed on Information Day.

For details about registering for Information Day, go to the website: greenbeltlaborday.com/ and click on "Get Involved" and then "Information Day." For an-

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